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Application No.: 09/806,125
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For: Agents for Retarding Change of
Hormone-Dependent Cancer into Non-
Hormone-Dependent Cancer
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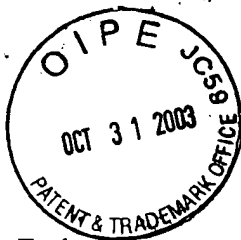
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003 (Paper No. 17), Applicants elect to prosecute Group IV (claims 1-11) wherein the LH-RH agonist is a peptide represented by SEQ ID NO: 2, and the cell growth factor is EGF or a substance possessing substantially the same activity as EGF in the present application.

Applicants make the election with traverse. Applicants assert that the sequence SEQ ID NO.: 3 is sufficiently related to the sequence SEQ ID NO.: 2 so as not to unduly burden the Examiner in making a search for peptides represented by both sequences.

No amendment of inventorship is necessitated by this election.



Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with Applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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